NUMB. LII.

The SPECTATOR.

Omnes ut Tecum meritis pro Talibus annos
Exigat, & pulchra faciat Te prole parentem. Virg.

Monday, April 30. 1711.

AN ingenious Correſpondent, like a ſprightly Wife, will always have the laſt Word. I did not think my laſt Letter to the deformed Fraternity would have occaſioned any Anſwer, eſpecially ſince I had promiſed them ſo ſpeedy a Viſit: But as they think they cannot ſhew too great a Veneration for my Perſon, they have already ſent me up an Answer. As to the Propoſal of Marriage between my ſelf and the matchleſs *Hecatiſſa*, I have but one Objection to it; which is, that all the Society will expect to be acquainted with her; and who can be free of keeping a Woman's Heart long, where ſhe may have ſo much Choice? I am the more alarmed at this, becauſe the Lady ſeems particularly ſmitten with Men of their Size.

I believe I ſhall ſet my Heart upon her; and think never the worſe of my Miſtreſs for an Epigram a ſmart Fellow writ, as he thought, againſt her; which but the more recommend her to me. At the ſame Time I cannot but diſcover that his Malice is ſtolen from *Martial*.

Tolla places, Andrea places, ſi non videare, places.
Tolla places, neutro ſi, videare, places.

Whilſt in the Dark on thy laſt Hood I hung,
And heard the tempting Syren in thy Tongue,
What Flames, what Darts, what Anguiſh I endur'd?
But when the Candle enter'd I was cur'd.

YOUR Letter to us we have receiv'd, as a ſignal Mark of your Favour and brotherly Affection. We ſhall be heartily glad to ſee your ſhort Face in *Oxford*: And ſince the Wiſdom of our Legiſlature has been immortaliz'd in your Speculations, and our perſonal Deformities in ſome ſort by you recorded to all Poſterity; we hold our ſelves in Gratitude bound to receive with the higheſt Reſpect, all ſuch Perſons as for their extraordinary Merit you ſhall think fit from Time to Time to recommend unto the Board. As for the Piſtiſh Damſel, we have an eaſy Chair prepar'd at the upper End of the Table; which we doubt not but ſhe will grace with a very hideous Aſpect, and much better become the Seat in the native and unaffected Uncomelineſs of her Perſon, than with all the ſuperficial Airs of the Pencil, which (as you have very ingeniouſly obſerv'd) vaniſh with a Breath, and the moſt innocent Adorer may deface the Shrine with a Salutation, and in the literal Senſe of our Poets, ſnatch and imprint his balmy Kiſſes, and devour her melting Lips: In ſhort, the only Faces of the Pictiſh Kind that will endure the Weather, muſt be of Dr. *Carbuncle*'s Die, tho' his, in truth, has coſt him a World the Painting; but then he boaſts with *Zeuxes*, *In eternitatem pingo*; and oft jocouſly tells the Fair ones, Would they acquire Colours that would ſtand kiſſing, they muſt no longer Paint but Drink for a Complexion: A Maxim that in this our Age has been purſu'd with no ill Succeſs; and has been as admirable in its Effects, as the famous Coſmetick mention'd in the *Poſt-man*, and invented by the renowned Britiſh *Hippocrates* of the Peſtle and Mortar; making the Party, after a due Courſe, roſy, hale and airy; and the beſt and moſt approv'd Receipt now extant for the Feaver o'th' Spirits. But to return to our female Candidate, who, I underſtand, is return'd to her ſelf, and will no longer hang out falſe Colours; as ſhe is the firſt of her Sex that has done us ſo great an Honour, ſhe will certainly, in a very ſhort Time, both in Proſe and Verſe, be a Lady of the moſt celebrated Deformity now living; and meet with Admirers here as frightful as her ſelf. But being a long-headed Gentlewoman, I am apt to imagine ſhe has ſome further Deſign than you have yet penetrated; and perhaps has more Mind to the SPECTATOR than any of his Fraternity, as the Perſon of all the World ſhe could like for a Paramour: And if ſo, really I cannot but applaud her Choice; and ſhould be glad, if it might lie in my Power, to effect an amicable Accommodation betwixt two Faces of ſuch different Extremes, as the only poſſible Expedient to mend the Breed, and rectify the Phiziognomy of the Family on both

'both Sides. And again, as she is a Lady of a very fierce Election, you need not fear that your first Child will be born dumb, which otherwise you might have some Reason to be apprehensive of. To be plain with you, I can see nothing shocking in it; for tho' she has not a Face like a John-Apple, yet, as a late Friend of mine, who at Sixty five ventur'd on a Lass of Fifteen, very frequently, in the remaining five Years of his Life, gave me to understand, That, as old as he then seem'd, when they were first married he and his Spouse could both make but Fourscore; so may Madam *Hecatissa* very justly alledge hereafter, That, as long visag'd as she may then be thought, upon their Wedding-day Mr. SPECTATOR and she had but Half an Ell of Face betwixt them: And this my very worthy Predecessor Mr. Sergeant *Chin* always maintain'd to be no more than the true oval Proportion between Man and Wife. But as this may be a new thing to you, who have hitherto had no Expectations from Women, I shall allow you what Time you think fit to consider on't; not without some Hope of seeing at last your Thoughts hereupon subjoyn'd to mine, and which is an Honour much desired by

Sir,

Your assured Friend,

And most humble Servant,

Hugh Goblin Præses.

The following Letter has not much in it, but as it is written in my own Praise I cannot for my Heart suppress it.

SIR,

'YOU propos'd in your SPECTATOR of last '*Tuesday* Mr. *Hobbs*'s Hypothesis, for solving that very odd Phænomenon of Laughter. 'You have made the Hypothesis valuable by espousing it your self; for had it continued Mr. *Hobbs*'s, no Body would have minded it. Now here this perplex'd Case arises, A certain Company laugh'd very heartily upon the Reading of that very Paper of yours: And the Truth on't is, he must be a Man of more than ordinary Constancy that could stand it out against so much Comedy, and not do as we did. Now there are few Men in the World so far lost to all good Sense, as to look upon you to be a Man in a State of Folly *inferior to himself*. Pray then, how do you justify your Hypothesis of Laughter?

Thursday, *the 26th of the Month of* Fools. *Your most humble,*

Q. R.

SIR,

'IN answer to your Letter, I must desire you to 'recollect your self; and you will find, that when you did me the Honour to be so merry over my Paper, you laugh'd at the Ideot, the German 'Courtier, the Gaper, the Merry-Andrew, the 'Haberdasher, the Biter, the Butt, and not at

Your humble Servant,

The SPECTATOR.

At the Desire of several Ladies of Quality.

For the Benefit of Mr. NORRIS.

By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Monday, being the 30th of April, will be presented, a Comedy call'd, The Committee; or, The Faithful Irishman. The Part of Teague by Mr. Estcourt, Col. Careless Mr. Wilks, Col. Blunt Mr. Mills, Mr. Day Mr. Penkethman, Abel Mr. Bullock, Sen. Obadiah Mr. Johnson, Bookseller Mr. Norris, Mrs. Day Mrs. Powell, Arbella Mrs. Porter; and the Part of Ruth by Mrs. Oldfield. To which will be added, A Farce (not acted this Season) call'd, The Walking Statue; or, The Devil in the Wine Cellar.

This Play is sold by Jacob Tonson, at Shakespear's Head over against Catharine-street in the Strand.

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Mr. Pert Dancing-Master, who keeps his School in Compton-street Soho, over against St. Ann's Church Back-door, where he teaches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; gives Notice to the Publick, That at the Desire of several Gentlemen in the City, he teaches on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the George in Finch-lane Threadneedle-street, near the Royal Exchange. He likewise teaches abroad; and plays very well on the Violin.

All sorts of Silk Gowns, being a Parcel of such Brocades, Venetian, Japan'd and Thread Satins, Tiffues, Damasks, and Variety of other Silks: Bought great Pennyworths of People that have failed; and to be sold so by Mrs. Attaway, who lives in Devereux-Court, in the Passage from the Temple to Essex-buildings. Most There are Calamanco Gowns lin'd with Poplin and Sattin for 28 s. midling Size, and 30 s. large Size; and the lowest Price writ on each Gown.

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Richard Stoughton, Apothecary in Southwark, having some time since (by Order of a Merchant) sent 50 Dozen of his Cordial Elixir to Sweden, has lately received Advice that Numbers of People finding it a great Preserver of Health, drink it every Morning: And further to assure that it is so, hath a Certificate from thence, that by the Persons best Knowledge and Observation) not one who took it has had the Distemper, and many are of Opinion it has been of great Use in stopping the Progress of it. 'Tis now drunk by most Officers in the Army, and taken to Sea by many Commanders; and great Quantities have been sent lately to Holland, Hamburgh, Moscow, Scotland, Ireland, Newcastle, &c. He has likewise a Certificate from the West-Indies to the same Purpose; and few now will go to Sea without it.

An Essay towards the Probable Solution of this Question, Whether those Birds do probably make their Recess and Abode, which are absent from our Climate at some certain Times and Seasons of the Year. By a Person of Learning. Printed for S. Crouch at the Corner of Pope's-Head-Alley over against the Royal Exchange. Pr. 6 d.

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Tractatus de Imputatione divina Peccati Adami Posteris ejus Universis in Reatum. Autore Dan. Whitby, Ecclesiæ Sarisberiensis Præcentore. Impensis J. Wyat ad Insigne Rosæ in Cœmeterio Divi Pauli. Where may be had, Dr. Alix's Remarks on several Places in Mr. Whiston's Books, either Printed or in MSS. and Mr. Brent's Essay concerning the Nature and Guilt of Lying.

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